

Getting Ready to Go -- and to *Let Go!*

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Been there... done that!



VITAL STATISTICS

- **Cottie**
- Birthdate - 8/8/90
- Cerebral Palsy
- Motorized wheelchair, limited speech, mad computer skills
- Smarter than her mother
(don't tell her I said that!)

All the standard advice should be heeded...

You **MUST** understand:

- Difference between IDEA and 504/ADA
- Difference between "modifications" and "accommodations" -- no matter how the words have been used before!
- Difference between "success" and "access"

You **MUST** understand (continued)

- Difference between Special Ed personnel and disability service providers
- Level of independent responsibility necessary

VERY FEW *children* with disabilities are successful in college!

Things Your Special Ed Teacher Never Told You...

FOR STUDENTS:

- Learning to use assistive technology
FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES is likely to be vital to your success in college; start using it now!
- The services available to you in college will be easier for you to use if you have experience with the now.

• **FOR STUDENTS** (Continued)

- In high school, if you were struggling it was their JOB to figure out a way to help. In college, you have to ASK for help!
- *IT IS OK TO ASK FOR HELP!* (just make sure you are asking for help from the right people, in the right way!!!)
- You are not so "special" anymore! (and that isn't a bad thing!)

Things the Special Ed System Never Prepared Your For...

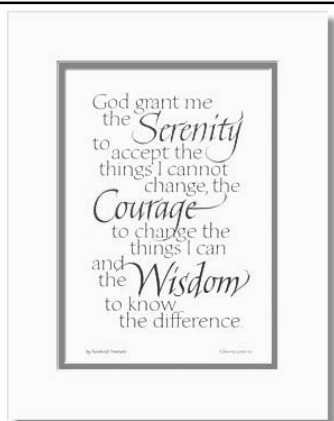
FOR PARENTS:

- You have no rights in securing services for the student at the college level.
- Read that (above) again. Remember it. Accept it. Get used to it!!!
- The student will not get the same services in college as in high school
- *BREATHE*... it will be alright!

FOR PARENTS: (Continued)

- Understand the reception you may receive from college personnel; communicate your understanding of the limitations -- and benefits -- of your participation in transition.
- Forge a working relationship that will be to everyone's mutual benefit

GIVE YOUR KID SOME CREDIT!!!



**THE TRUTH SHALL SET
YOU FREE...**

**(BUT FIRST IT WILL
MAKE YOU ANGRY!)**

**There are only two
lasting gifts we can
give our children...
one is roots, the
other is wings.**
